

California Joint Task Force Command

COLONEL JOHN B. MUNOZ-ATKINSON

Deputy Commander (Army)
California Army National Guard

Col. John B. Munoz Atkinson assumed duties as the Commander, 40TH Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) on 1 April 2005. His previous assignment was as the Commander, National Training Center Exercise Support Command and Deputy Chief of Staff Reserve Affairs. As the Commander, 40th IBCT he is responsible for the transformation of 2-40th and 3-40th Infantry Brigades (Mechanized) into a single modular light Infantry Brigade with 9 Battalions, and 56 Companies located through out the state of California.

Munoz Atkinson enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1971. Upon his completion of service he joined the California Army National Guard as a tanker in 1979. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor in September 1984 upon graduation from the California Army National Guard Officer Candidates Program where he was the Honor Graduate.

Within the California Army National Guard, Colonel Munoz Atkinson served in a variety of command and staff assignments to include Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Company Commander, Aide-de-Camp, and Battalion S2 prior to becoming an Active/Guard Reserve Title 10 Officer. As a Title 10 Officer he has also served in a variety of command and staff assignments to include Operations Officer, Operations Group C, Battle Command Training Program, Operations Officer, Senior Army National Guard Advisor, United States Army South and United States Southern Command, CONUSA Section Leader and CTC Officer at the Army National Guard Readiness Center, Commander, Battle Command Training Center, Strategic Planner, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs, Department of the Army, and as the Commander, National Training Center Exercise Support Command and Deputy Chief of Staff Reserve Affairs with the responsibility for all Reserve Component Soldiers, training at the National Training Center. More than 20,000 Reserve Component members train annually either on the ground or in the air over Fort Irwin. In his position as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Reserve Affairs, he guides the formulation, development and implementation of programs and policies that affect all Reserve Component, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen that train at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin.

Munoz Atkinson is a graduate of the National War College. He holds two Masters Degrees, Master of Science in National Security Strategy and a Master of Science in Administration. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Army Staff Badge.

Munoz Atkinson is married to the former Kimberly Brackett. They have 2 children, Sarah, age 13 and Bernardo, age 6.